

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. McMILLAN presented the following

MEMORIAL FROM THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
RELATIVE TO THE NAMING OF MINOR STREETS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 20, 1896.*

SIR: We, the undersigned, a special committee representing the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, beg leave to submit the following for the consideration of your committee:

The fact is doubtless well known to you that great lack of system exists in the street nomenclature of the District of Columbia. A good example of this is furnished in the section which our association represents. Our territory comprises several subdivisions, and is bounded on the south by Florida avenue, on the west by Fifteenth street extended, on the north by Spring street, and on the east by Brightwood avenue. Many of the streets running east and west, between Brightwood avenue and Fifteenth street, have two and often three names each. Take Roanoke street for example. The continuation of this street to the eastward, between the line of Eleventh street extended (which is the dividing line between the subdivisions of Columbia Heights and Todd and Brown) and Brightwood avenue, is known as Irving street, while the western end, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, is called Euclid place. Similar embarrassing conditions exist everywhere in the District, and the confusion and inconvenience resulting therefrom can readily be understood.

And then the great repetition in names is most confusing. More than one-eighth of the thousand names comprised in the nomenclature of the public thoroughfares of the District are repeated once at least, while in numerous instances three and often as many as five and six repetitions of the same name occur. The name of "Brown" is represented by two streets, two alleys, three courts, and one road. There are four "Central" avenues. Two streets and two alleys are called "Congress." There are three "Howard" avenues and four "Pleasant," five "Tea," and two "Pig" alleys. Four streets are named "Madison," while the names of "School," "Warren," "Washington," and "Park" are represented by three streets each, each also having one or more alley, place, or court to its credit. The accompanying table, marked A, will show these repetitions in detail.

In the minor streets and alleys are found many vulgar and ridiculous names which shock the senses, such as Zigzag, Tin Cup, Cabbage,

Swing Hammer, Hog, Pig, Cow, Goat, Fighting, Chinch, and Louse. Surely we are not so poor in material as to be forced to use such inappropriate names.

It will thus be seen that there is pressing need of reform in this matter, and we would therefore recommend that the District Commissioners be authorized and directed by Congress to perfect the present anomalous system of nomenclature. With this end in view, the inclosed draft of a bill (B) is submitted, with the hope that it or something approximating to it may at an early day receive the approval of Congress and the Executive.

Respectfully submitted.

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A. B. JAMESON,
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Committee.

Hon. JAMES McMILLAN,
Chairman Senate Committee on the District of Columbia.

Repetitions in the names of streets, etc., in the District of Columbia.

| Names. | Alleys. | Avenues. | Courts. | Places. | Roads. | Streets. |
|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| Acker | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Armory | | | | | | 2 |
| Arthur | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Bacon | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Baptist | 2 | | | | | |
| Bailey | 2 | | | | | |
| Bates | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Blagden | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Blair | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Brown | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | 2 |
| Bowen | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| California | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Canal | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Capitol | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Carroll | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 |
| Cedar | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Central | | 4 | | | | |
| Chamberlain | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Cherry | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Chestnut | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Child | 2 | | | | | |
| Clark | 2 | | | | | |
| Clinton | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Colfax | | | | | | 2 |
| College | | | | | | 2 |
| Columbia | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Congress | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Connecticut | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Connor | 2 | | | | | |
| Cook | 1 | | | 2 | | |
| Corcoran | | | | | | 2 |
| Cow | 2 | | | | | |
| Crescent | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Defrees | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Donohue | 2 | | | | | |
| Douglass | 2 | | | | | |
| E street | 2 | | | | | |
| Earl | 2 | | | | | |
| Essex | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Fenton | | | | 2 | | |
| Fowler | 2 | | | | | |
| Franklin | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| French | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Frey | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Garfield | | 2 | | | | |
| Glick | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Grace | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Grant | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Green | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Hamilton | | 1 | | | 1 | |

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|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| Harewood..... | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Hillyer..... | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| High..... | | | | | | 2 |
| Holmead..... | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Hopkins..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Howard..... | | 3 | | | | |
| Jackson..... | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Jefferson..... | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Johnson..... | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 |
| K street..... | 3 | | | | | |
| Keating..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Kenesaw..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| King..... | 3 | | 2 | | | |
| Kingman..... | 1 | | | 2 | | |
| Klingie..... | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Lanier..... | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Lawrence..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Le Droit..... | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Lee..... | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Liberty..... | | | | | | 2 |
| Lincoln..... | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Linden..... | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Madison..... | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 4 |
| Maple..... | | 2 | | | | |
| Marion..... | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Market..... | 1 | | | 3 | | 2 |
| Meridian..... | | 2 | | | | |
| Miller..... | 2 | | | | | |
| Monroe..... | | | | | | 2 |
| Morgan..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Mount Pleasant..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Naylor..... | 2 | | | | 1 | |
| Nichols..... | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Norris..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| North..... | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Oak..... | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 |
| O'Brien..... | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Olive..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Oregon..... | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Park..... | 2 | | | 1 | | 3 |
| Patterson..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Pierce..... | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Pig..... | 2 | | | | | |
| Pleasant..... | 4 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Pomeroy..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Poplar..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Potomac..... | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Prospect..... | 1 | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Queen..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Ridge..... | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Riggs..... | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Riley..... | | | 2 | | | |
| Rock..... | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Ruppert..... | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| St. Mary..... | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Samson..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| School..... | | | | | | 3 |
| Scott..... | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Seaton..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Shepherd..... | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Sheridan..... | | 2 | | | | 1 |
| Sheriff..... | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Sherman..... | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| South..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Stanton..... | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Summit..... | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Sumner..... | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Swann..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| T..... | 1 | | | | | |
| Taylor..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Tea..... | 2 | | | | | |
| Thomas..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Trumbull..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Turner..... | | | | | | 2 |
| Union..... | 1 | | 2 | | | 1 |
| Vant..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Wallach..... | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Ward..... | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Warner..... | | | | | | 2 |
| Warren..... | | | | | | 2 |
| Washington..... | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Water..... | | | | | | 2 |

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|-----------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| West..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Whiting..... | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Willow..... | 2 | | | | | |
| Wiltberger..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Wylie..... | 1 | | | | | 1 |